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OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

Letter dated 12 October 2000 from the Permanent Observer for Palestine
to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the United Nations
High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Israeli occupation forces and Jewish settlers continue their massacres against the Palestinian people, using all forms of killing, including the use of internationally banned weapons.

Only yesterday, 11 October 2000, Israeli troops and settlers killed three Palestinians, Nazir Nayef al-Haj Ali, 23 years old, in Nablus, Maher Mohamed Motalak, 24 years old, in Salvit village and Sami Hassan Salim in Tolkurm.

Settlers also attacked the Palestinian Mohamed Fathi al-Najar, 21 years old, in Khan Younes, stabbing him with a knife 13 stabs and the Palestinian Abd-Allah Ramadan Fayad, 22 years old, stabbing him 30 stabs in Khan Younes. This is how Palestinians are killed for no reason except for their being Palestinians, which affirms the crime of genocide of the Palestinian people at the hands of Israeli occupation forces and their settlers.

Israel has forbidden entry of medical supplies to Palestine and has prevented the injured, who were heading towards neighbouring Arab brother States for cure, from crossing Alenbi bridge. Scores of these injured have run out of oxygen and medical supplies and they are still on the bridge, yet Israel is still denying them any movement.

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The Israeli occupation forces have intensified their policy of closure of Palestinian cities and villages and have closed the safe passage between Gaza and West Bank municipalities to prevent the passage of individuals and goods, thus persevering in its practice of imposing collective punishments on the Palestinian people.

The Israeli occupation authorities have burnt Palestinian trucks at the Karni crossing point, they have prevented the entry of equipment necessary for Gaza port and are still forbidding planes from landing at Gaza international airport.

Moreover, the occupation forces have forbidden Palestinian banks from providing Palestine and its traders with the necessary liquidity to face up to demands by depositors concerning their deposits in Jordan.

The city of Nablus, as is the case in other Palestinian regions, is subject to a total closure; no one is allowed to bring in food or medicine. Through such measures, Israel is putting all obstacles in the way of any possibility of any political movement.

We are enclosing with this letter the names of martyrs for the period starting from 29 September to 7 October 2000, bearing in mind that the number of wounded exceeds 2,500.

We would be grateful if you could have the text of this memorandum, its enclosures* as well as our letters to Your Excellency of 2, 4 and 10 October 2000**, circulated as official documents of the special session of the Commission on Human Rights, to be held on 17 October 2000, as well as of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights under agenda item 8.

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Permanent Observer

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Annex

Names of Martyrs
September 29-October 7, 2000
12:30 GMT

Name	Age	Place of Residence	Date of Death	Notes
Ossama Mohammed Jeddah	23	Jerusalem	29/9	A dum dum bullet in chest - the Holy Sanctuary (Al-Haram Al-Sharif)
Mohammed Hussein Farrah		Um El-Fahem	29/9	At the Holy Sanctuary (Al-Haram Al-Sharif)
Yahya Hassan Faraj	34	Beit Safafa	29/9	A bullet in the neck
Bilal Ali A'fana	26	Abu Deis	29/9	A bullet in the chest
Haitham Oweida Skafi	45	Jerusalem	29/9	A bullet in the chest
Nizar Ibrahim Shobaki	18	Silwan	29/9	A bullet in the head near the ear
Mohammed Jamal El-Durreh	12	Al-Boreij	30/9	Several bullets in the neck and abdomen - Netzarim
Mohammed Mohammed El-Otaleh	25	Gaza	30/9	A bullet in the head - Netzarim (a member of the Palestinian National Security Forces)
Bassam Fayez El-Bilbaisi	48	Gaza	30/9	A bullet in the chest - an ambulance driver during carrying out his duties - Netzarim
Maher Rajab Obeid	23	Jabalia	30/9	Three bullets in the back - Netzarim
Khaled El-Bathyan	16	Nablus	30/9	A bullet in the head
Nizar Mahmoud E'ideh	16	Ramallah	30/9	A bullet in the chest - a cut in aorta
Zakrya Ersan El-Kilani	22	Nablus	30/9	A bullet in the chest
Mohammed Tawfiq El-Qalaq	23	Tulkarm	30/9	A health relief man of the Palestinian Marine Police - a bullet in the chest
Amjad Abdullah Dharaghme	22	Tubas	30/9	A health relief man of the Palestinian Marine Police - a bullet in the chest
Mahmoud Hani Anbara	24	Jordan	30/9	A bullet in the head
Eyad Mahmoud El-Khashashi	22	Nablus	30/9	A bullet in the heart on 30/9 inside a building (his body was discovered on the following day)
Jihad Mahmoud El-A'loul	18	Nablus	1/10	A bullet in the head on 30/9
Sami Fathi El-Taramsi	19	Al-Shati	1/10	A dum dum bullet in the abdomen - Netzarim
Mustafa Hilmi Ramadan	26	Nablus/Tel	1/10	A bullet in the chest
Hussam Na'im Nadjib	18	Nablus/Balata	1/10	A bullet in the head
Samer Sameer Tabanjah	12	Nablus	1/10	By a heavy machine gun

				from a helicopter
Salah Ibrahim El-Faqih	25	Ramallah	1/10	A bullet in chest (a member of the Palestinian National Security Forces)
Mohammed Nabil Dawood	14	Ramallah	1/10	A bullet in the head
Emad Abdel El-Rahman Anati	17	El-Ama'ri	1/10	A bullet in the head (a member of the Palestinian National Security Forces)
Sara Abdel Azeem Hassan	15	Nablus	1/10	A bullet in the head shot by a settler
Mohammed Ahmed Jabarin	20	Um El-Fahem	1/10	A bullet in the chest
Ahmed Ibrahim Siam	-	Ma'awia	2/10	A bullet in the head on 1/10
Rami Hatem Gharra	22	Jet - The Triangle	2/10	---
Hatem Abdel Azziz El-Najjar	22	Khan Younis	2/10	A bullet in the head (a member of the Palestinian Liaison Forces - Jericho)
Mahmoud Ghazi El-Nabeeh	29	Gaza	2/10	A bullet in the chest
Salah Abdullah Abu Qeinas	23	Gaza	2/10	A bullet in the heart
Ibrahim Samih Barahma	27	Jordan	2/10	A bullet in the head - clashes in Jericho
Mohammed Amin Sajdi	17	Jericho	2/10	A bullet in the abdomen - clashes in Jericho
Wae'l Tayseer El-Qattawi	14	Nablus	2/10	A bullet in the head
Ahmed Sami Fayadh	21	Gaza	2/10	A bullet in the head (a member of the Palestinian National Security Forces - Ramallah)
Emad Faraj Ghanayem	25	Sakhnin	2/10	
Waleed Abdel Mone'm Abu Saleh	21	Sakhnin	2/10	
Alla' Khaled Nassar	22	Arrabeh	2/10	
Asseel Hassan A'asleh	21	Arrabeh	2/10	
Eyad Sobhi Lawabneh	20	Nazareth	2/10	
Musleh Hussein Abu Jarad	19	Deir El-Balah	2/10	Two bullets in the chest - Um El-Fahem clashes
Fahmi Fuad Abu Ammounneh	28	Nusseirat	3/10	A shell in the head - Netzarim area
Khadhra Ahmed Abu Salameh	57	Jenin	3/10	Inhaling tear gas at the Holy Sanctuary (Al-Harm Al-Sharif) - 29/9
O'mar Mohammed Abdullah Suleiman	18	Jabalia	3/10	A bullet of a heavy machine gun in the head shot by a helicopter at Netzarim area
Ammar Khalil El-Refae'I	17	Al-Maghazi	3/10	A bullet in the head at Netzarim area
Mohammed Youris El-Zama'reh	21	Halhoul	3/10	A bullet in the head - 30/9
Ismail Shehda Shamallakh	21	Gaza	3/10	A bullet in the chest - Ramallah
Hussam Ismail El-Hamshari	16	Tulkarm	3/10	A bullet in the head on 1/10
Ahmed Ali El-Nabris	21	Nablus	3/10	A bullet in the chest
Ramez Abbas Boshnaq	-	Kufor Manda	3/10	Two bullets in the head

Sharif Faraj A'ashoor	18	Gaza	3/10	A bullet in the head - Netzarim
Mohammed Fawzi Srouji	21	Sawahra	4/10	An armed confrontation - a bullet in the chest
Mahmoud El-Erwasi	21	Beitonia	4/10	An armed confrontation - a bullet in the chest
Mohammed Yousef Abu A'asi	9	Bani Suheila	4/10	A bullet in the back
Alla' Hassan Barghouthi	24	A'boud	4/10	A bullet in the chest
Ayman Akram El-Louh	22	Gaza	4/10	A bullet in the chest
Muhannad Wadei' Fares	24	Deir El-Ghosoun	4/10	A bullet in the chest (a member of the Palestinian Special Security Forces)
Mahmoud Luthi Masad	24	Borqien-Jenin	4/10	A bullet of a heavy machine gun in the head (a member of the Palestinian security forces)
Mohammed Ghaleb Khamayseh	18	Kufor Manda	4/10	A bullet in the chest on 3/10
Arafat Mahmoud El-Atrash	18	Hebron	4/10	A bullet in the chest - shot by Israeli special forces at Area "A"
Mahmoud Saleh Esbeita	26	Gaza	5/10	A bullet in the chest
Salama Saleh Ziadat	20	Jericho	5/10	A bullet in the right kidney on 2/10
Mustafa Mahmoud El-Faraja	21	Beithlehem	5/10	A bullet in the chest (a member of the Palestinian National Security Forces)
Loai Abdullah Al-Moqayad	19	Jabalya	6/10	A bullet in the head
Eyad Abdel Halim Shtaiwi	23	Salem - Nablus	6/10	A bullet in the back
Dhia' Abdel Rahman Essa	19	Salem - Nablus	6/10	A bullet in the chest
Mohammed Khaled Tammam	21	Tulkarm	6/10	A bullet in the chest
Marwan Abdel Razeq Shamallakh	23	Gaza	6/10	A bullet in the heart
Saleh Essa Al-Riat	20	Rafah	6/10	A bullet in the head on 2/10
Majdi Sameer Maslamani	15	Jerusalem	6/10	A bullet in the head
Wajed Mousa Abu Awwad	21	Bani Suheila	6/10	A bullet in the abdomen
Zuhair Rezeq Darabeih	24	Jabalya	6/10	A bullet in the head
Rashad Ismail El-Najjar	22	Al-Maghazi	6/10	A bullet in the head
Mohammed Khaled Awadh	23	Deir El-Hatab - Nablus	7/10	Bullets in both kidneys on 6/10
Hesham Ahmed Meqbel	45	Gaza	7/10	A bullet in the abdomen
Fahed Fahmi Baker	22	Bedia - Nablus	7/10	A bullet in the head by a settler
Yousef Thiaf Khalaf	18	Al-Boreij	7/10	A bullet in the head on 2/10
Abedel Hmid Taye' Zeq	18	Al-Mazra' Al-Sharqia - Ramallah	8/10	A bullet in the head on 4/10
O'mar Mohammed Akkawi	42	Nazareth	8/10	A bullet in the neck
Wessam Hamdan Yazbek	26	Nazareth	8/10	A bullet in the chest
Ali Sayel Sweidan	25	Azzoun - Qalqilya	8/10	A bullet in the head by a settler - his body was found on 9/10
Essam Joudeh Hamad	36	Um Safa - Ramallah	8/10	He was killed and mutilated with sharp tools near Halmish settlement